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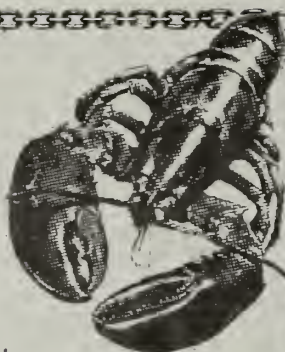
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David N. Haley, chairman of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen, has announced that he will not seek re-election to his seat on the Board in the coming town election in March. Mr. Haley has served the town in this post for 9 consecutive years. Mr. Haley said that personal reasons led to the decision to retire from the Board at this time.

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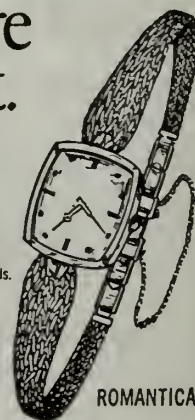
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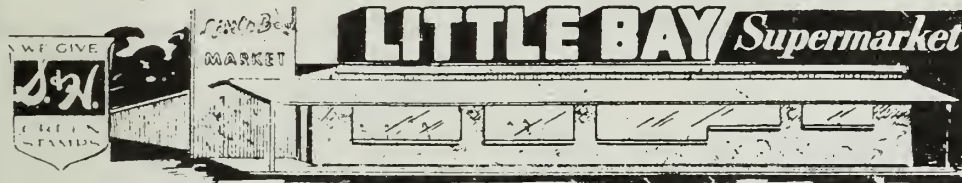
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Senator Edward Kennedy was a guest of the Contemporary Affairs Class of Old Rochester Regional High School on Monday morning. Shown as he arrived the Senator, left, is greeted by Sara Whalen and Girard Oliva. Mr. Oliva is instructor of the Contemporary Affairs class. Miss Whalen introduced the Senator to the student body in the assembly hall. The Senator spoke on the new direction of the Democratic Party. This is one of a series of speeches by public figures. Senator Edward Brooke has been invited to the school in March. Congressional Candidates William Weeks and Gerry Studds spoke to the school before the recent election.

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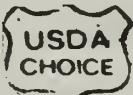


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Heart Fund Plans

CHAIRMAN HEART FUND CAMPAIGN

John A. Kelenosy, Chief Laboratory Tech-
nologist at Tobey Hospital, has agreed to
serve as Chairman of Area I of the 1973
Heart Fund campaign, announced Nathan
C. Austin, Campaign Chairman for the
Cape and Islands Chapter of the Massa-
chusetts Heart Association. Area I in-
cludes the towns of Marion, Wareham,
Rochester and Mattapoisett, which were
transferred from the Southeast Chapter to
the Cape & Islands Chapter in June of
1972 by the Massachusetts Heart Associ-
ation in an effort to equalize the chapter
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Mr. Kelenosy will direct campaign efforts

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in all phases of the organization and will help to prepare the volunteers who will visit friends and neighbors to distribute heart-saving information and collect funds to help reduce death and disability from heart and blood vessel diseases.

The planning and organization began some weeks ago and Mr. Kelenosy has enrolled the following community leaders to serve as chairman for the four towns: Mrs. Joseph Lipsitt, Marion; Mr. and Mrs. John Pagenkopf and Mrs. Clifford Tuttle for Mattapoisett; Mrs. Robert T. Hartley and Mrs. Greenwood Hartley, Jr., Rochester; and Dr. John Howard for Wareham.

A member of the Board of Directors of the Cape and Islands Chapter, Mr. Kelenosy served as Town Chairman for Wareham in 1969 and 1970. "John Kelenosy has played a vital role in previous Heart Fund cam-

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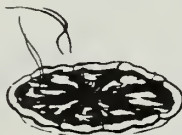
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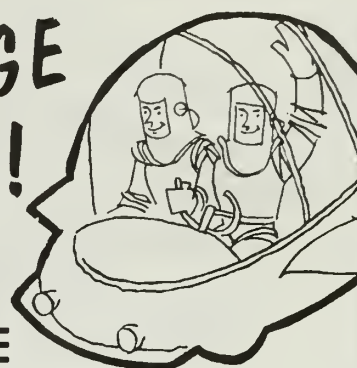


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paings", stated Austin. "Under his leadership, the 1970 campaign was overwhelmingly successful, with contributions to the Wareham Heart Fund reaching an all-time high. We are indeed fortunate to have such quality leadership for the area and predict that the 1973 Heart Fund campaigns in the towns will set new records."

Mr. Austin also paid tribute to Kelenosy's wife, Ruth, who has worked closely with her husband in the campaigns. A member of the nursing staff of Tobey Hospital, she contributed to the success of the Heart Fund drives as Heart Sunday Chairman in 1969 and 1970 and as co-chairman for the Town of Wareham in 1971.

O.R.R. Ski Club

CLUB TAKES SKI TRIP

The first ski trip of the season has taken veteran skiers along with new members of the Old Rochester Regional High School Ski Club to Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. The group left on the 26th of December and returned on the 29th.

The 1972-73 officers for the Club are: Ruth Stephan, president; Bobby Henderson,

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Tax Relief?

Editorial, D.C.J.

Mattapoisett Selectmen have scheduled a forum of the department heads of the town government to entertain suggestions as to how best spend the revenue sharing funds received and due from the Federal Government. Since this sharing of federal tax money was much heralded during the campaign as a means of relief to the overburdened homeowner, perhaps another quarter could be heard from. I mean the homeowner. I think it is time that this silent voice should speak.

Speaking as one homeowner, I believe that this tax sharing money could be the means to help us weather a blow that was forced upon us and which is going to prove exceedingly expensive. It is so vital to the town, so obviously expensive and seemingly tailored to the requirements set down by the Federal Government that it should have number one priority in the suggestions. I refer, of course, to the new sanitary landfill dump. This

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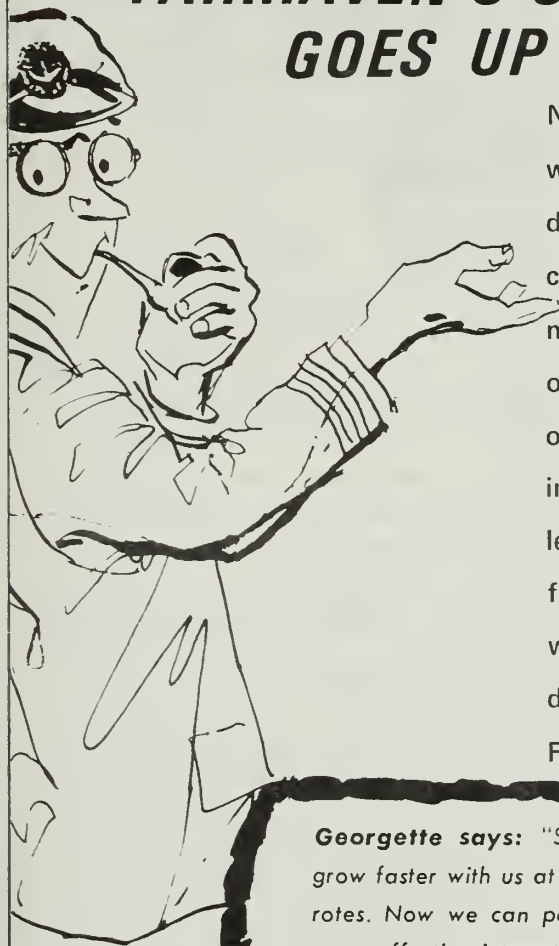
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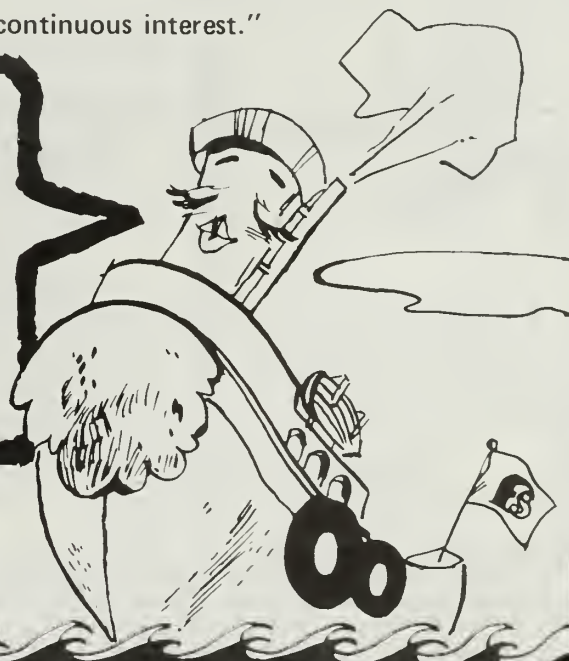
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dump was forced upon the town by the State's taking of the land for 195 and by the ecology laws. As such, it is an unknown quantity as far as cost is concerned. We have never operated such a facility and can only guess at the cost. We do know that a vast tract of land has been

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acquired and the cost of that is known and expensive. It required a road to be built across a swamp and was expensive. It requires a building, large equipment, water line, supervision and maintenance - all expensive. The town as a whole can regard this facility as a forced emergency of great cost. I don't see why we should look further for a place to use the tax sharing revenue wisely and well.

I hope that between this date and January 23rd that other homeowners in Mattapoisett will present some constructive suggestions to the officials of the town. All of the money to finance town projects and government originates from the taxes collected from the men and women who own property. This is an opportunity to have voice with a direct impact on those taxes. You might send your suggestions to this paper for publication (they must be signed), to the Town Hall for consideration, or both. If revenue sharing is designed to relieve the taxpayer, let it begin here and now.

Pot Luck Suppers

The Ways and Means Committee of the Mattapoisett Grange is going to conduct a series of pot luck suppers among its members, hoping to get a list of at least 25 or more. Anyone not a Grange member will be welcome to come as a guest of a Grange member. Each member is asked to bring a dish and 50¢ plus their own place settings.

The first supper will be Friday, January 19th, at 6 P.M. in the downstairs hall.

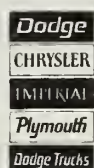
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Lions Club

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Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club of Marion will feature "The Gal That Knows Women and Tells it Like it Is" on Friday, January 12th. At 12:30 P.M. there will be a homemade luncheon at the Congregational Community Center, Front Street, entrance rear of Browne's Pharmacy parking lot. This will be followed by the fashion con-

sultant and fashion merchandiser of Bay State Junior College faculty lecturer, Mrs. Beatrice Ruderman.

The luncheon is by reservation only and the deadline was January 9th. Mrs. Ruderman, who is well-known, recently gave a fashion talk at the Statler Hotel, Boston, to 1,000 women.

The hospitality chairman is Mrs. James F. Arne, food chairman, Mrs. U. Grant Keener; Mrs. Louis Mendes, Jr., program director; Mrs. James A. Arne and Mrs. Fred A. Wing, greeters.

Mrs. Joseph Lipsitt, president, will preside.

Mattapoisett Grange

GRANGE HAS NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Mattapoisett Grange held its bi-monthly and first meeting of 1973 last Thursday night with the worthy master Mark Harris in the chair.

Honored guests were Edna Handford, a member of the State Home & Community Service Committee; and Fred Wilson, master of West Wareham Grange. Mrs. Handford spoke on the 1973 Grange projects. Mr. Wilson announced that the Sippican Pomona meeting will be in Wareham January 6th.

It was voted that the Ways and Means Committee would start a series of pot luck suppers among its members. Anyone not a member may come as a guest of a Grange member. The first supper will be Friday, January 19th, at 6 P.M.

The lady assistant steward's chair was declared vacant. The election of another

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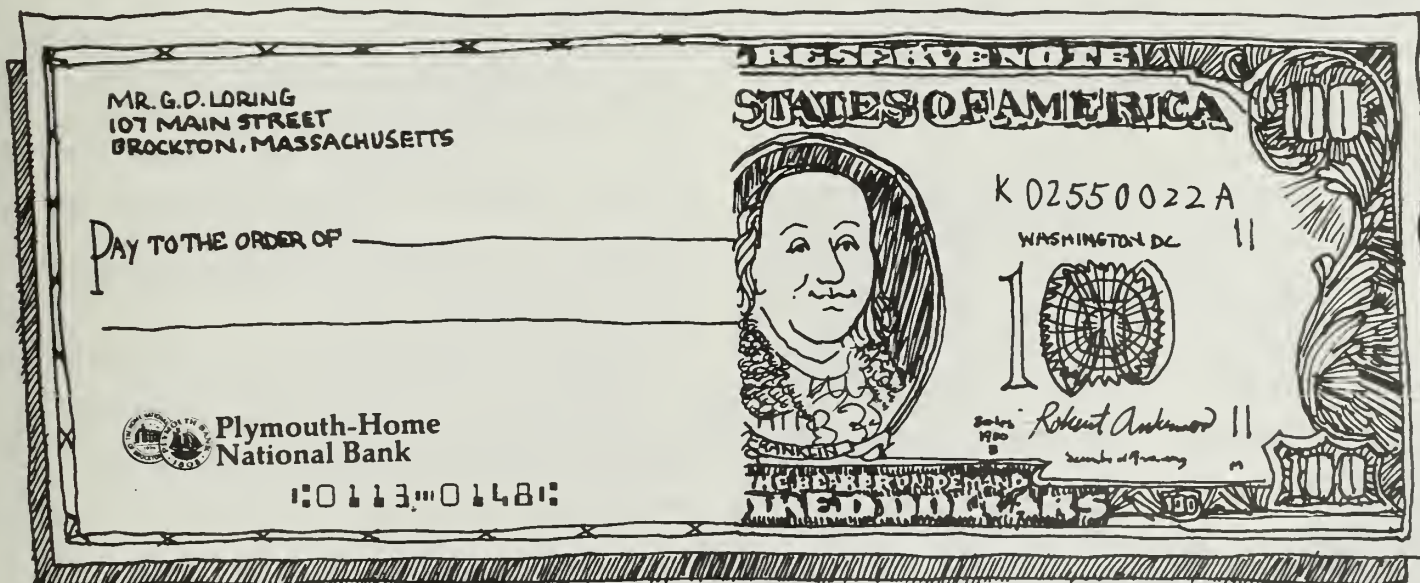


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will be held at the January 18th meeting.

The lecturer's program opened with the lecturer's march with William Smith winning the prize. All present received a noise maker and all used them. Worthy Master Harris entertained with "My Angel" on the trumpet. Balloon games were conducted by Mark Breton with Dorothy Wilson, Mark Harris, Olive Gifford and Albert Alvernaz as winners. Guitar and harmonica solos were rendered by Mr. Alvernaz. The program was concluded with a lovely New Year's candlelight service with everyone taking part, forming

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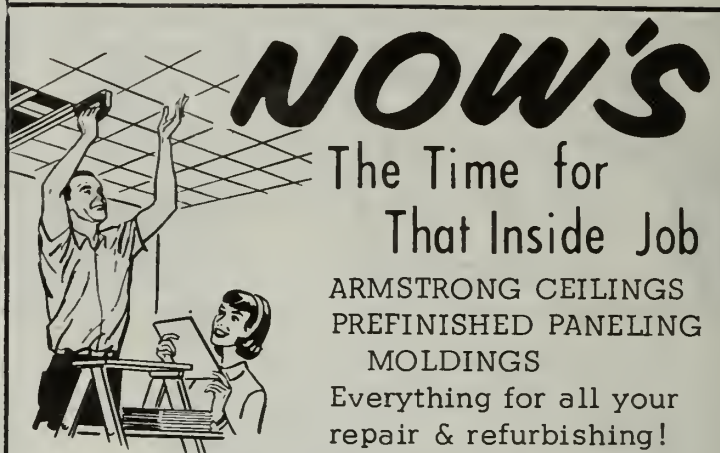
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an altar circle, lighting their candles in conjunction with the reading parts taken by the master, chaplain and lecturer, renewing the pledges taken by the members, resolving to do all in their power to make this the best year ever. Mr. Fred Wilson furnished the music for this service.

The lecturer announced the January meeting on the 18th will be the 76th anniversary of the Grange.

Members with birthdays in the months of January, February and March will be in charge of Olive Gifford; April, May and June, Ruby Barber; July, August and September, William Smith; and October, November and December, Gladys Pearson. Each group will present a 10-minute program plus a cake.

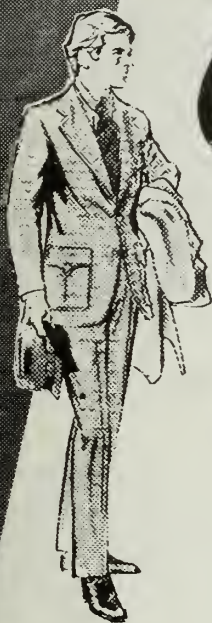
Birthdays of Gladys Pearson, Mark Breton and Kathy Buckley were recognized.

The officers were in charge of the social hour and served crackers, spreads and egg nog.

Coffeehouse News

ONCE AGAIN

Almitra is starting off the New Year with an enjoyable evening of excellent local entertainment. Bittersweet, a fine group who has been pleasing crowds at the Spinaker Saturday nights, will be giving some good fun. Karen Hanczaryk, who does contemporary music with a flair, will be giving her fabulous rendition of "You're So Vain". Matthew Curran, a handsome newcomer to the Coffeehouse, will be



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Reservations for the luncheon featuring fried chicken, peas, cranberry sauce and rice pudding are limited. Calls for tickets should be made early at the main desk, 999-6201.

Suggestions for donations to the Silent Auction include duplicate Christmas gifts, misfits, knick knacks not needed, and household items. The committee will appreciate having articles for the sale left

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The club is open to those interested in
physical fitness through sports and exer-
cise. Ping pong is scheduled for 7:30
P.M. and volleyball at 8:30.

The next ski weekend is February 9-11
and there is time to register. For further
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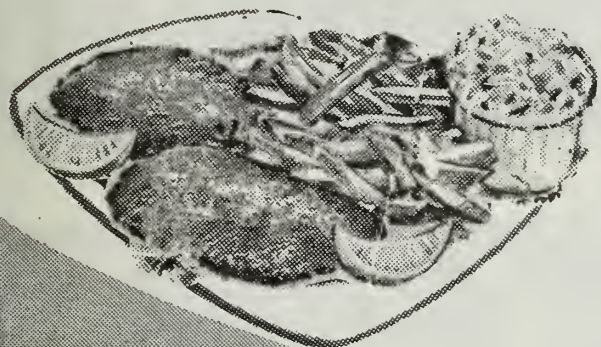
Training of volunteers gives self-con-
fidence to meet situations that may arise.
Young people, adults and retired persons
are needed for this community service.
Immediate need is for two volunteers who
are bi-lingual - English and Portuguese -
for shut-ins who are now waiting for
visits. Also, those who speak Polish,
Spanish and French are needed.

Elderly people who live alone and wish
to benefit from this service are urged to
call Friendly Visitor office, 993-5858 or
the Y, 999-6201.

Volunteer office aides and drivers are
much needed in the program.

Co-exhibitors of this month's art ex-
hibit in the YWCA lobby are Mary Louise
Koprada and Louise Kelly. "Old New
Bedford in the Whaling Days," the subject
of the collection of the marine paintings,
is planned in conjunction with the program
"Whaling Days" which will be held at the
end of the month, sponsored by the Coffee
House and open to the public.

Chanty singers are needed for the end
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On December 4th, the members of the Honor

Society entertained 19 members of the Bourne Honor Society in the first of a series of exchange programs. The week before the Honor group sponsored assemblies for both the Junior and Senior High Schools featuring the Navy Band.

Plans are underway for the Honor Society Induction Ceremony which is scheduled to be held in March, 1973.

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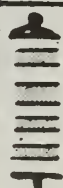
March of Dimes

An American tradition will continue on Sunday, January 28th, as March of Dimes volunteers ring neighborhood doorbells on behalf of the Mothers' March against Birth Defects. Heading that group this year will be Mrs. George Kilpatrick and Mrs. Frank Cadden of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club. This appointment was announced by Edward A. Penn, M.D., Chapter Chairman of the voluntary health organization.

In making the announcement of the appointment, Dr. Penn remarked, "Each year we are impressed anew by the vigor of the Mothers' March volunteers. On Sunday,

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Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Cadden feel contributions to the Mothers' March help continue year-round medical service and research to combat this nation's second greatest destroyer of human life -- Birth Defects. The March of Dimes has been leading this fight and they are proud to be able to serve as Mothers' March Co-Chairmen.

Extra Library Hours

Starting Wednesday, the 10th of January, the Mattapoisett Library will be open Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 in addition to regular hours.

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Some may think it is time to put on the snowtires or put in the anti-freeze. WRONG! It is time for the Old Rochester Drama Club's fall play. Sound a little cuckoo, perhaps? Well, it is. It's "The Time of the Cuckoo" by Arthur Laurents. This comedy, directed by Nancylee Gaucher, was the basis for the musical, "Do I Hear a Waltz?" Set in Venice, the play revolves upon the romance (or lack of it) of a secretary on vacation. Cathy Langevine plays the secretary, Leona Samish. Scott Atkinson is her leading man as Renato DiRossi, a shopkeeper. Heather Gurney, Maylan Peterson, Dianna Thomas, Nancy Allyn and Mark Roberts are the supporting cast along with Donna MacLean, G. P. Griffith and someone else, whose name escapes the writer of this article. The Time of this cuckoo will be on Saturday, January 20th, at 8:00 P.M. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Please come and see the cuckoo take flight from the O.R.R. stage.

WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

The Literature Group of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will meet Wednesday, January 17th, at 9:30 A.M. at the home of Mrs. Harold Luther, Ned's Point Road. Biographies will be discussed.

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The article was written by Ted Williams.

The Rubbish in Our Wake

It would be unthinkable to admit it, even to ourselves, but Americans are a bit smug about their remarkable ability at generating refuse. Perhaps we burn our trash in much the same way that Indians burned their wampum, for the volume of one's solid waste varies directly with one's affluence. Then, like Kipling's bandar-log, we chatter about the splendid things we're going to do, waving blueprints of spaceage innovations in solid waste management — steam generation by incineration; compacted, asphalt-coated building blocks; steely-toothed maws that masticate a city's refuse and belch forth reusable resources. So far it's all just chatter, and the rubbish blizzard

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Recycling, seldom more than theatrics, is generally regarded by U. S. industry as an inconvenient but effective means of ingratiating itself with housewives and appeasing environmentalists, certainly nothing to be seriously incorporated into the nation's economy. America, unlike European countries, is still squandering resources like a sailor on Saturday night. When Sunday morning breaks, probably within the decade, the need for recycling will be painfully readable in the only medium we pay any real attention to — our wallets.

We have already wrung the last scrap of tin from U. S. soil; unless we curb our appetites, we will consume all of our lead, aluminum, nickel, manganese, chromium, gold, silver and platinum before 1980. Our zinc and tungsten reserves will be exhausted before 1990.

Certain timber interests have been known to pooh-pooh paper recycling, possibly in an effort to horde a hungry market. Timber, they proclaim, is a renewable natural resource. But the way we're headed now, in 10 years we'll be consuming timber faster than we can grow it and their argument will be as full of holes as the Western forests they clear cut.

Resource loss is only the beginning of the solid waste dilemma in America. Disposal is even more of a headache and currently ranks right after highways and schools as the third most expensive service the Federal government provides. Not counting agricultural wastes, the U. S. generates roughly 3.5 billion pounds of solid waste a day. In urban areas the situation has become intolerable.

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erable. In New York City, for instance, \$35 to \$40 million is spent each year to collect and destroy used bottles and cans that have an estimated scrap value of \$13 million, and it now costs more to dispose of the Sunday New York Times than it does to buy it.

The crisis is fueled by an economic system that coddles a throw-away culture. Planned obsolescence bolsters consumer appetites as well as rubbish heaps. Depletion allowances encourage quick rape of mineral reserves. Ocean and domestic freight rates favor virgin products. (Railroads, for instance, now charge about two and a half times more to haul scrap metal than ore, a situation that makes it much more economical to gouge out a hillside than to recycle the junked autos littering its face.) A paper company that buys a tract of timber for \$1000, and in a few years cuts the trees now valued at \$2000, can treat the \$1000 value increase as a capital gain subject to the 30 percent tax rate. Thus firms that cut their own trees (and under another IRS code, certain firms that sell pulpwood) have a lower overall tax rate than companies that use recycled paper. "Most people see a virgin product as something esthetically clean, but have you ever seen a sheep?" quips M. J. Mighdoll, executive director of the National Association of Secondary Materials Industries, Inc. In the textile trade it has long been an accepted fact that recycled fibers are as good, if not better, than original fibers. Before 1939, recycling constituted the largest segment of

the industry, but in that year the Federal government passed the Wool Products Labeling Act which required manufacturers to specify the percent of reclaimed fiber, if any, in their products. That was all it took to stigmatize recycled woollens in the eyes of a squeamish public infatuated with the word "virgin", and so dispatch the thriving textile recycling industry. Today, just about all that's left are the bones -- ratty, windowless old mills that stand out like drowned cedars along New England rivers; but at least the consumer can sleep nights, secure in the knowledge that the

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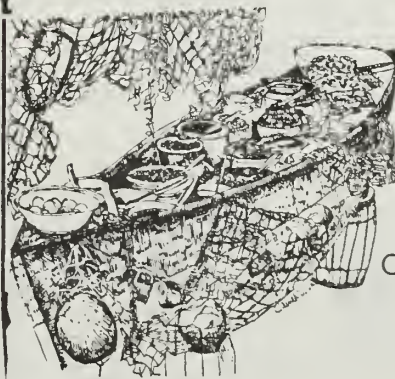
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Recycling as we know it today is for the most part organized and implemented by housewives and the Boy Scouts. Mrs. K will tell you that her town has "gone over to recycling" and that she now stacks newspapers, flattens cans and segregates bottles by color. But because there is no steady work force and limited demand, the recycling market fluctuates spasmodically. The dump manager eyes the changing price index like a Wall Street broker while the supposedly recycled material piles up to nuisance volumes. At last things look right and he sells -- but by now his supply dwarfs demand and he only manages to cut a corner off the rising mountain of trash. That corner helps flood the market, the price careens to a new low and the whole process gets "recycled".

Unfortunately, we will not get serious about recycling until we feel the pinch; this is our nature. But meanwhile we must devise stopgap methods of rubbish disposal if only to escape being buried. At the moment, in Massachusetts and most other states, sanitary landfill seems to be about

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the best bet. It's certainly nothing to be touted as an example of our technological skill. It is merely a method whereby refuse is strewn on the ground, "stomped on" and covered with dirt. Cats invented it while we were still on four feet, and it is only "sanitary" when measured against our past habits of not stomping and not covering.

In those rare cases where landfills have been properly engineered and operated, water pollution has been avoided and the land has often been reclaimed. Finished landfills have been planted over with trees, turned into golf courses or playing fields and, in a few cases, developed into housing projects or industrial sites.

But most landfills are landfills in name only and can be more accurately described as "dumps". For years after they are buried and forgotten they excrete enormous volumes of dangerous gases and "leachate" - a kind of organic soup with a choking BOD load, seasoned with viruses, PCB's, pesticides and harmful minerals. Because low, wet land is out of sight and expensive to develop, almost all dumps are near, in or on top of a stream or swamp where gases



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In 1969 Massachusetts established a Bureau of Solid Waste Disposal within the Department of Public Works and gave it the authority to select sites for future landfills, using eminent domain if necessary. The only stipulation was that sites had to get a final okay from the Department of Public Health and Natural Resources. In 1970 the state banned open burning and ordered all towns to stop dumping and start landfilling.

In those towns that have complied with the law, the advantage of landfill over dump has been strikingly evident. Seagulls have departed for greener pastures, rats have vanished, property values within 100 yards of the suddenly odorless operations have risen and neighborhoods that had been degenerating

into slums are now headed in the other direction.

The trouble is, though, that not all, not even most, of the towns in Massachusetts are complying with the law, and nobody seems to be doing much about it.

Dick Smith of Cullinan Engineering Co., Inc. in Auburn has probably handled as many landfills as anyone in the state. Fifteen towns, mostly in Worcester County,

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have retained Cullinan to draw up plans and oversee daily operations. In this area Smith works closely with Bob Jacques of the State Division of Environmental Health. Both men are alternately encouraged and disgusted in their efforts to make sanitary landfills live up to their name.

"It all depends on the attitude of the operator", says Smith. "Some listen to us, some don't. Usually the ones that do, run good, clean operations -- and the ones that don't run messes. If the town fathers are sincere in their desire to have a sanitary landfill and the operator isn't doing his job it's up to them to replace him."

The condition of a town's dump, like the condition of a town's sewage disposal facilities, says a lot about the townspeople. A

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town hibernates, stirring only when it feels the hot breath of the Attorney General on its neck, while another town decides that clean-up is inevitable and determines to spend the needed money to do the job correctly and as quickly as possible. In the long run the second town saves money.

There are many comparisons that can be drawn between disposal areas but perhaps none more revealing of the basic reasons for success and failure than the comparison between West Boylston's and that of a nearby town that will go only by the name of "Trashville" since, statewide, its dump is as much the rule as the exception.

Like many other operations throughout the state, Trashville's "landfill", as town officials euphemistically refer to it, is overtly illegal.

Several years ago Jacques sat down with the Trashville selectmen to review preliminary plans, and came away feeling that things were going to fall right into place. But they never did.

"We're still right where we were", he says, "except that the rubbish is much higher and deeper. The really sad thing is that they have a site with unlimited potential; they've spent a lot of money renting equipment whose input has been negligible in terms of the time they've had it. And now they've appropriated money for new equipment and I'm honestly not too hope-

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Smith, whose firm designed landfills for both towns, has about given up on Trashville.

"They've submitted the required paperwork", he says, "and in fact, done everything up to the letter - except operate."

West Boylston, on the other hand, has successfully converted what was perhaps the most obnoxious open dump in Worcester County to one of the best-run sanitary landfills. After a feasibility study, the town ignored most of the paperwork, concentrating instead on quick, efficient implementation.

"Their operation is perfect," says Jacques, "and we've had absolutely no involvement in it. Oh, they're in violation of many of the regulations that say, 'thou shalt submit detailed plans to the state, etc'. But they're doing the job and that's all that counts."

"If the state had nothing else to do but go around enforcing technical regulations", adds Smith, "towns like West Boylston would get right on their typewriters. But they figured logically that they had a report that told them just what to do and they were going to do it and forget all

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But even a well-run landfill is at best an archaic method of meeting a modern crisis. Incineration offers a more promising solution and one that entails resource recovery -- through steam generation as well as preliminary separation and recycling of non-combustible materials. The only trouble with incineration is that we haven't been able to make it work. Cities, following the advice of engineers (who, by the way, are paid a percentage of the project's cost), have invested in ruinously expensive incinerators that when finally constructed were already obsolete and failed to meet current air pollution standards. As of this writing, solid waste expert Dr. Melvin W. First of the Harvard School of Public Health doesn't know of one municipal incinerator in Massachusetts that operates properly.

At Congressional hearings on the Resource Recovery Act of 1970 First gave the following testimony:

"....I am told repeatedly by professionals and nonprofessionals alike that there is no

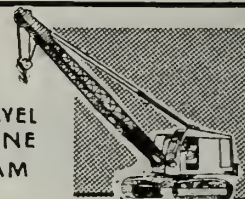
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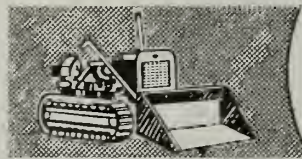
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such thing as a "good" municipal incinerator. I assume that this is an exaggeration, but I doubt that it is much of one. When the city in which I live (Newton) and which takes pride in calling itself the "Garden City" undertook to build a new municipal incinerator a few years ago, I pleaded with the aldermen to increase the construction budget sufficiently to provide for a high efficiency flue gas-cleaning system, but the nationally recognized consulting engineering firm retained by the city ... assured the city fathers that the primitive flue gas treatment system they were recommending would meet then current, but already obsolete, minimum standards for duct emission. I regret to report that this incinerator, now in service, is unable to operate within even ancient smoke control regulations that were appropriate for hand-fired coal burners of a bygone age..."

First went on to condemn institutional incinerators as embodying "a total absence of engineering skill" and charged that "almost without exception each is an insufferable, unsanitary nuisance when operated according to the manufacturer's recommendations, assuming he has made some."

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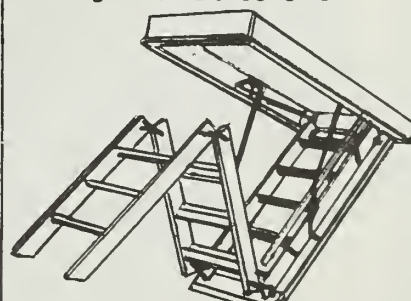
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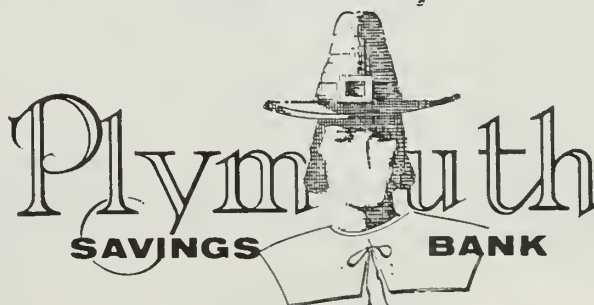
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will hold Pub-
lic Hearings on the following petitions:

1. Petition of WILLIAM N. AND ARLENE C. DEXTER, 37 Marion
Road, Mattapoisett for a variance from the set-back requirements
for an accessory building located at 37 MARION ROAD, and shown
as LOT 115 on PLOT 8 of the Mattapoisett Assessors' Records.
Hearing will be held at 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1973.
2. Petition of ALMIKE CORPORATION, Harbor Road, Mattapoisett
for a Special Permit to expand a non-conforming use under Section
III A-1 of the Zoning By-Law. Property is located on HARBOR
ROAD, and is shown as LOTS 12 and 12H on PLOT 15 of the Mat-
tapoisett Assessors' Records. Hearing will be held at 7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1973.

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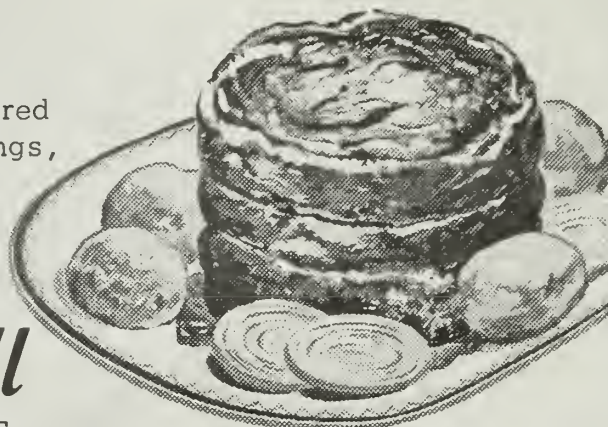
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To be continued

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	High		Low	
Jan. AM	PM	AM	PM	
10 11:32	11:50	5:41	6:03	
11 0:18	0:42	6:35	6:49	
12 1:11	1:39	7:30	7:48	
13 2:08	2:40	8:33	8:40	
14 3:06	3:44	8:47	9:35	
15 4:07	4:46	9:45	9:50	
16 5:08	5:50	10:51	11:37	
17 6:06	6:48	11:49	0:35	

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